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REMARKS

The abstract of the disclosure stands objected to for allegedly failing to commence on a separate sheet. The Preliminary Amendment dated March 18, 2005 included the abstract on a separate sheet. Accordingly, reconsideration of this objection is requested.

The disclosure stands objected to for including certain objectionable statements on page 1, lines 3-4 and page 1, lines 26-27. These statements were deleted in the Preliminary Amendment dated March 18, 2005. Accordingly, reconsideration of this objection to the disclosure is requested.

The disclosure also stands objected to for the use of different reference numbers for the same element. In response to this objection, the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 23 has been rewritten as shown above.

Claims 65-74 have been allowed and claims 46 and 49-53 have been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 45 has been amended to include limitations from claim 46; claim 49 has been amended to include limitations from original claims 45 and 48; claim 50 has been amended to include limitations from original claim 45; and claims 46 and 48 have been cancelled. After the foregoing amendments, claims 45, 47, and 49-74 are pending in the application and are believed to be allowable.


Claims 45, 47, 48, 57-59, 63, and 64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness from the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 4,773,095 to Zwicker et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,222,927 to Feng et al. Claims 54-56 and 60-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness from the teachings of the Zwicker et al. and Feng et al. patents and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,276,739 to Krokstad et al. It is believed that the foregoing amendments to claims 45, 49, and 50 and the cancellation of claims 46 and 48 overcome these rejections.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections, and allowance of claims 45, 47, and 49-74 are requested.

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